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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Examiner Djenane Bayard is no longer the examiner of record in this application. Examiner Paul H. Kang is now the examiner of record. Full faith and credit has been given to the search and action of the previous examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6, 12-14, 20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeKoning et al., US Pat. No. 6,591,337.

- a. As per claim 1, 6, and 12, Dekoning teaches the invention substantially as claimed. DeKoning teaches a method for managing a network, comprising: providing a first list of events occurring in the network (See col. 5, line 24-31); simultaneously providing a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a predetermined number of most recent events (See col. 3, lines 13-15 and col. 5, line 63 – col. 6, line 33); and managing the network using the first and second lists (See col. 1, lines 45-47).

However, DeKoning does not explicitly teach that the list events are provided to a graphical user interface (GUI). In another embodiment of the invention, DeKoning

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teaches the use of a GUI for displaying information/options to a user for performing management functions (See DeKoning, col. 2, line 57 – col. 3, line 12).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the GUI as taught by DeKoning in one embodiment, into the other embodiments of DeKoning's invention, for the purpose of relaying network management information to a user.

- b. As per claims 2 and 13, Dekoning et al teaches setting a number of events to be provided in the second list (See col. 6, lines 1-8).
- c. As per claim 3, Dekoning et al teaches selecting an event in the second list, and automatically selecting, in response to selecting an event in the second list, an equivalent event in the first list (See col. 5, lines 47-48).
- d. As per claim 4, Dekoning et al teaches acknowledging the equivalent event in the first list (See col. 5, lines 54-58)
- e. As per claim 5, Dekoning et al teaches wherein the first and second lists include events relating to at least one network element in the network (See abstract, lines 4-7 and col. 5, lines 24-26).
- f. As per claim 14, Dekoning et al teaches a device for managing a network having a plurality of network elements, comprising: a memory configured to store instructions

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(See col. 2, lines 29-34); and a processor configured to execute the instructions to provide a list of identifiers associated with the plurality of network elements (See col. 2, lines 63-67), each network element identifier being associated with a state indication (See col. 5, lines 44-45).

g. As per claims 20 and 24, Dekoning et al teaches a method for managing a network having a plurality of network elements, comprising: receiving a request for network information (See abstract, lines 11-13); providing a list of network element: identifiers associated with the plurality of network elements (See col. 5, lines 44-46), the list indicating a state of each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 10, lines 39-41); and managing the network using the list (See col. 1, lines 45-47).

3. Claims 26, 28-30, 32-34, 36-41, 43-46 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No 6,343,290 to Cossins et al.

a. As per claims 26 and 34, Cossins et al teaches a method for managing a network having a plurality of network devices comprising: associating events in the network with one of the plurality of network devices (See col. 3, lines 42-45); providing a geographical map, the geographical map displaying locations of each of the plurality of network devices (See col. 3, lines 33-35) and indicating which of the plurality of network devices are associated with at least one event (See col. 11, lines 29-34); and managing the network using the geographical map (See col. 3, lines 12-13).

However, Cossins does not explicitly teach in the same embodiment that the managing including detecting selection of a network device in the plurality of network devices and providing a more detailed view of a geographical area around the selected network device in response to the detecting. In another embodiment, Cossins teaches selecting network elements to “drill down” to enable viewing more detailed information (See Cossins, col. 9, line 59 – col. 10, line 34).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the display of more detailed graphical view as taught by one embodiment of Cossins, into the network management map system of Cossins for the purpose of providing flexibility and added functionality of the graphical views.

b. As per claims 28, 32 and 36, Cossins et al teaches selecting a network device having at least one associated event (See col. 11, lines 29-34); and providing information regarding the at least one associated event (See col. 11, lines 43-54).

c. As per claims 29,33 and 37, Cossins et al teaches wherein the geographical map further displays a state of each network device (See col. 11, lines 29-34).

d. As per claim 30, Cossins et al teaches a device for managing a network having a plurality of network devices, comprising: a memory configured to store instructions (See col. 8, lines 38-43); and a processor configured to execute the instructions to associate an event in the network with a network device (See col. 5, lines 28-31) and provide a

geographical map, the geographical map displaying locations of network devices and indicating which network devices are associated with at least one event (See col. 3, lines 13-49).

- e. As per claims 38,43 and 48, Cossins et al teaches a device for managing a network having a plurality of network elements, comprising: a memory configured to store instructions (See col. 8, lines 38-43); and a processor configured to execute the instructions to associate each network element with one of a plurality of logical planes and provide a network map, the network map displaying relationships between the plurality of logical planes and those network elements associated with the plurality of logical planes (See col. 10, lines 13-29).
- f. As per claims 39 and 44, Cossins et al teaches wherein the plurality of logical planes includes one or more of a transmission plane, a switching plane, a customer access plane, and a signaling plane (See col. 10, lines 21-24).
- g. As per claims 40 and 45, Cossins et al teaches wherein the processor is further configured to: allow a user to navigate through the network map (See abstract, lines 18-21).
- h. As per claims 41 and 46, Cossins et al teaches wherein the processor is further configured to: display a state of each network element in the network map (See col. 11, lines 29-34).



5. Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,812,784 to Watson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,591, 337 to Dekoning.

a. As per claim 7, Watson et al teaches a user device configured to transmit a request for current network information and a server configured to receive the request for current network information and provide the current network information to the user device (See col. 1, lines 32-37). However, Watson et al fails to teach providing a first list of events occurring; in the network, and simultaneously providing a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a number of most recent events.

Dekoning et al teaches a method and apparatus for caching objects in a disparate management environment. Furthermore, Dekoning et al teaches providing a first list of events occurring in the network (See col. 5, lines 24-40), and simultaneously providing a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a number of most recent events (See col. 3, lines 13-15 and col. 6, lines 1-8)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate providing a first list of events occurring; in the network, and simultaneously providing a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a number of most recent events as taught by Dekoning et al in the claimed invention of Watson et al in order to manage a plurality of subsystems within an information network (See col. 1, lines 45-47)

b. As per claim 8, Watson et al in view of Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Watson teaches wherein the request includes at least one network identifier (See col. 10, lines 45-49).

c. As per claim 9, Watson et al in view of Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Watson teaches wherein, when providing the current network information, the server is configured to: provide current network information relating to the at least one network identifier (See col. 10, lines 45-49).

d. As per claim 10, Watson et al in view of Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Watson fails to teach wherein the number of most recent events provided in the second list is set by a user.

Dekoning et al teaches a method and apparatus for caching objects in a disparate management environment. Furthermore, Dekoning et al teaches wherein the number of most recent events provided in the second list is set by a user (See col. 6, lines 1-6)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the number of most recent events provided in the second list is set by a user as taught by Dekoning et al in the claimed invention of Watson et al in order to replaced the old objects in the list with newly retrieved objects (See col. 6, lines 10-12).

e. As per claim 11, Watson et al in view of Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Watson et al fails to teach wherein the user

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device is further configured to: select an event in the second list, and automatically select, in response to selecting an event in the second list, an equivalent event in the first list.

Dekoning et al teaches a method and apparatus for caching objects in a disparate management environment. Furthermore, Dekoning et al teaches wherein the user device is further configured to: select an event in the second list, and automatically select, in response to selecting an event in the second list, an equivalent event in the first list (See col. 5, lines 46-59)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the user device is further configured to: select an event in the second list, and automatically select, in response to selecting an event in the second list, an equivalent event in the first list as taught by Dekoning et al in the claimed invention Watson et al in order to compare the objects stored on both lists (See col. 5, lines 41-42).

6. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,185 to Bass et al.

a. As per claim 15, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention was described above. However, Dekoning fails to teach wherein for each network element identifier, a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements.

Bass et al teaches a secondary alarm filtering. Furthermore, Bass et al teaches wherein for each network element identifier, a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 4, lines 35-38)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate for each network element identifier, a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements as taught by Bass et al in the claimed invention of Dekoning et al in order to identify fault discovered in a communication systems (See col. 1, lines 18-20).

7. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,185 to Bass et al as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,955 to Doolan.

a. As per claim 16, Dekoning et al in view of Bass et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al in view of Bass et al fails to teach wherein the processor is further configured to: provide, for each network element identifier, a value indicating a quantity of major alarms associated with a respective network element, and provide, for each network element identifier, a second value indicating a quantity of minor alarms associated with a respective network element.

Doolan teaches a gateway for using legacy telecommunications network element equipment with a common management information protocol. Furthermore, Doolan teaches providing, for each network element identifier, a value indicating a quantity of major alarms associated with a respective network element, and providing, for each network element identifier, a second value indicating a quantity of minor alarms associated with a respective network element (See col. 10, lines 56-58)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate provide, for each network element identifier, a value indicating a quantity of major alarms associated with a respective network element, and provide, for each network element identifier, a second value indicating a quantity of minor alarms associated with a respective network element as taught by Doolan in the claimed invention of Dekoning et al in view of Bass et al in order to define the level of severity (See col. 10, lines 56-58

8. Claims 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al in view of U.S. Patent U.S. Patent No. 5,764,955 to Dolan.

a. As per claims 19 and 21, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fails to teach providing for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of escalated alarms associated with a respective network element.

Doolan teaches a gateway for using legacy telecommunications network element equipment with a common management information protocol. Furthermore, Doolan teaches providing for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of escalated alarms associated with a respective network element (See col. 49-56)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate providing for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of escalated alarms associated with a respective network

element as taught by Doolan in the claimed invention Dekoning et al in order to define the level of severity (See col. 10, lines 56-58)

9. Claims 17-18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,336 to Branton, Jr. et al.

a. As per claim 17, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fails to teach wherein to provide, for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of users monitoring a respective network element.

Branton Jr. et al teaches a method and apparatus for testing components in a communications system. Furthermore, Branton, Jr. et al teaches wherein to provide, for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of users monitoring a respective network element (See col. 3, lines 62-65).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein to provide, for each network element identifier, a value representing a number of users monitoring a respective network element as taught by Branton, Jr. et al in the claimed invention of Dekoning et al in order to allow users to monitor testing of network elements from various locations. (See col. 3 line 67 and col. 4, line 1).

b. As per claim 18, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fail to teach wherein the processor is further configured to: provide, in response to selecting the value representing the number of users monitoring a network element, contact information for each user.

Branton, Jr. et al teaches wherein the processor is further configured to: provide, in response to selecting the value representing the number of users monitoring a network element, contact information for each user (See col. 11, lines 20-25)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the processor is further configured to: provide, in response to selecting the value representing the number of users monitoring a network element, contact information for each user as taught by Branton, Jr. et al in order to receive messages indicating that an error has occurred for a particular network element (See col. 11, lines 20-21).

c. As per claim 22, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fails to teach wherein the list further includes a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements.

Branton, Jr. et al teaches wherein the list further includes a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 3, lines 62-65).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the list further includes a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements as taught by Branton, Jr. et

al in the claimed invention of Dekoning et al in order to allow users to monitor testing of network elements from various locations. (See col. 3 line 67 and col. 4, line 1).

10. Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al.

a. As per claim 23, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fails to teach wherein the list further includes at least one of a total number- of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of trouble tickets associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of held alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, and a network element type indication for each of the plurality of network elements.

Cossins et al teaches wherein the list further includes at least one of a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 11, lines 43-46), a total number of trouble tickets associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 3, lines 20-24), a total number of held alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 12, lines 31-36), and a network element type indication for each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 9, lines 36-41).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the list further includes at least one of a total number- of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total

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number of trouble tickets associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of held alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, and a network element type indication for each of the plurality of network elements as taught by Cossins et al in the claimed invention of Dekoning et al in order to view, monitor, configure and manage a telecommunication network (See col. 3, lines 17-19).

11. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to DeKoning et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,336 to Branton, Jr. et al.

a. As per claim 25, Dekoning et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dekoning et al fails to teach wherein the list further includes at least one of a value representing a number of escalated alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a value representing a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of trouble tickets associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of held alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, and a network element type indication for each of the plurality of network elements.

Cossins et al teaches a value representing a number of escalated alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number of alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 11, lines 43-46), a total number of trouble tickets associated with each of the plurality of network elements, a total number

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of held alarms associated with each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 3, lines 20-24), and a network element type indication for each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 9, lines 36-41). However, Cossins et al fails to teach a value representing a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements

Branton, Jr. et al teaches a value representing a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements (See col. 3, lines 62-65). It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a value representing a number of users currently monitoring each of the plurality of network elements as taught by Dekoning et al in view of Cossins et al in order to allow users to monitor testing of network elements from various locations. (See col. 3 line 67 and col. 4, line 1).

12. Claims 27, 31, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,170 to Sitaraman et al.

a. As per claims 27, 31 and 35, Cossins et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Cossins et al teaches wherein the network devices include network elements (See col. 3, lines 42-44). However, Cossins et al fails to teach wherein the network devices include points of presence.

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Sitaraman et al teaches an integrated IP address management. Furthermore, Sitaraman teaches wherein the network devices include points of presence (See abstract, lines 3-4).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the network devices include points of presence as taught by Sitaraman et al in the claimed invention of Cossins et al in order to provide users with access to the data communication network (See col. 6, lines 25-26).

13. Claims 42 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,212 to Eick et al.

a. As per claims 42 and 47, Cossins et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Cossins et al fails to teach wherein the network map is a three-dimensional network map.

Eick et al teaches a method and apparatus for constructing network interface. Furthermore, Eick et al teaches wherein the network map is a three-dimensional network map (See abstract, lines 21-25)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the network map is a three-dimensional network map as taught by Eick et al in the claimed invention of Cossins et al in order to generate many different types of network view (See abstract, lines 21-25).

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14. Claims 49, 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,212 to Eick et al.

a. As per claim 49, Cossins et al teaches a system for managing a network heaving a plurality of network elements, comprising: a user device configured to provide a user with a list of network management options, transmit a response to a selection of an option by the user, a request for current network information, provide the user with current network information according to the selected option; and a server configured to receive the request for current network information and transmit current network information to the user device (See abstract, lines 2-14). Furthermore, Cossins et al teaches wherein the options include a network element diagnostic option (See col. 4, lines 18-22), a network summary option (See col. 11, lines 55-60) and a geographical network management option (See col. 3, lines 31-35). However, Cossins et al fails to teach wherein the options include a three-dimensional network management option.

Eick et al teaches Eick et al teaches a method and apparatus for constructing network interface. Furthermore, Eick et al teaches wherein the options include a three-dimensional network management option (See abstract, lines 21-25).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the options include a three-dimensional network management option as taught by Eick et al in the claimed invention of Cossins et al in order to generate many different types of network view (See abstract, lines 21-25).

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b. As per claim 51, Cossins et al in view of Eick et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Cossins et al teaches wherein the user device is configured to: provide, in response to a selection of the network summary option, a list of network element identifiers associated with the plurality of network elements, each network element identifier being associated with a state indication (See col. 20, lines 36-44 and col. 21, lines 22-25).

c. As per claim 52, Cossins et al in view of Eick et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Cossins et al teaches wherein the user device is configured to: associate, in response to a selection of the geographical network management option, events in the network with one of the plurality of network devices, and provide a geographical map, the geographical map displaying locations of each of the plurality of network devices and indicating which of the plurality of network devices are associated with at least one event (See col. 5, lines 18-31).

d. As per claim 53, Cossins et al in view of Eick et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Cossins et al teaches wherein the user device is configured to: associate, each of the plurality of network elements with one of a plurality of logical planes, and provide a network map, the network map displaying relationships between the plurality of logical planes and those network elements associated with the plurality of logical planes (See col. 10, lines 13-29). However, Cossins et al fails to teach a selection of the three-dimensional network management option.

Eick et al teaches Eick et al teaches a method and apparatus for constructing network interface. Furthermore, Eick et al teaches wherein the selection is a three-dimensional network management option (See abstract, lines 21-25).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the selection is a three-dimensional network management option as taught by Eick et al in the claimed invention of Cossins et al in order to generate many different types of network view (See abstract, lines 21-25).

15. Claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent No. 6,343,290 to Cossins et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,154,212 to Eick et al as applied to claim 49 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,337 to Dekoning et al.

a. As per claim 50, Cossins et al in view of Eick et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Cossins et al in view of Eick et al fails to teach wherein the user device is configured to: provide, in response to a selection of the network element diagnostic option, a first list of events occurring in the network, and simultaneously provide a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a predetermined number of most recent events.

Dekoning et al teaching a method and apparatus for caching objects in a disparate management environment. Furthermore, Dekoning et al teaches wherein the user device is configured to: provide, in response to a selection of the network element diagnostic option, a first list of events occurring in the network (See col. 5, lines 24-40), and

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simultaneously provide a second list of events occurring in the network (See col. 3, lines 13-15), the second list comprising a predetermined number of most recent events (See col. 6, lines 1-8).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate The wherein the user device is configured to: provide, in response to a selection of the network element diagnostic option, a first list of events occurring in the network, and simultaneously provide a second list of events occurring in the network, the second list comprising a predetermined number of most recent events as taught by Dekoning et al in the claimed invention of Cossins et al in view of Eick et al in order to manage a plurality of subsystems within an information network (See col. 1, lines 45-47)

Conclusion

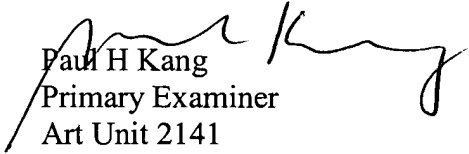
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-53 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The applicant argued in substance that the prior art of record failed to teach all limitations of the claimed invention. The new grounds of rejection teaches all limitations as claimed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H Kang whose telephone number is (703) 308-6123. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

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